

# Educational Resources for Dental Professionals

## National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (NMCOHRC)

The [NMCOHRC](#) provides online access to an extensive array of oral health materials. The center collects programmatic materials such as standards, guidelines, curricula and reports, and shares information about their availability. It also develops and disseminates materials such as fact sheets, briefs, resource bulletins, guides, manuals, conference proceedings and curricula in print and electronic formats. It provides links to online continuing education courses and electronic newsletters and maintains information about grants offered by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration.

*[Oral Health Care During Pregnancy: A National Consensus Statement](#)* is a new publication from the NMCOHRC that presents a consensus statement from an expert workgroup meeting held by the Health Resources and Services Administration in collaboration with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Dental Association (October 18, 2011, Washington, DC.) The document provides guidance for prenatal and oral health professionals on oral health care for pregnant women, including pharmacological considerations and guidance to share with pregnant women.

## American Dental Association (ADA)

The ADA [Center for Evidenced-based Dentistry](#) offers clinical recommendations and systematic reviews on a wide variety of topics. Clinical recommendations are designed to provide the practitioner with information that is useful in making evidenced-based treatment decisions.

A systematic review is a process that locates, appraises and synthesizes evidence from scientific studies to formulate a reliable summary. The ADA has performed systematic reviews of more than 1200 studies. This [database of reviews](#) is updated quarterly.

## Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The [CDC, Division of Oral Health](#) is the lead federal agency responsible for promoting oral health through public health interventions. The CDC offers a variety of fact sheets, guidelines, scientific articles and recommendations on oral health topics. It also provides national leadership on infection control for the dental health care workforce and has issued the following guidelines:

- [Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health-Care Settings --- 2003](#)
- [Infection Control Guidance for Dental Practitioners](#)

## Other Sources of Clinical Guidelines and Evidenced-based Reviews

[The National Guideline Clearinghouse™ \(NGC\)](#) is a comprehensive database of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines and related documents, including those on oral health. NGC is an initiative of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NGC was originally created by AHRQ in partnership with the

American Medical Association and the American Association of Health Plans (now America's Health Insurance Plans [AHIP]).

### **Dental Public Health Associations**

These dental public health organizations offer a variety of resources, including newsletters, guidelines and publications. They also sponsor annual national conferences that offer scientific sessions by expert speakers on a variety of topics related to research, education and oral health programs.

- [American Association of Public Health Dentistry](#) (publishes *The Journal of Public Health Dentistry*)
- [Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors](#) (offers [Best Practices for State Oral Health Programs](#))
- [American Public Health Association--Oral Health Section](#)

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